

Lowery Offers Cotton Improvement Suggestions

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WITH the approach of another cotton ginning season the quality of the Alabama cotton crop will again become a question mark in the minds of the trade.

For many years the Alabama crop has been known far and wide for its inferior staple. This situation has been greatly improved and the State has largely regained its reputation of years ago for good cotton. The question still remains, however, as to the permanence of this improvement. The State had the highest per cent of 15/16-inch and longer, in 1938 than in any other year. This may have been due partially to very favorable seasons.

The better staple varieties such as DPL and Stoneville are being grown extensively in north Alabama, Cleveville, Cook 144, and Dixie-Triumph in south Alabama. Thousands of farmers obtain a few seed every year or two from the breeders to plant seed patches to maintain the purity of their crop.

Cotton is being brought on the basis of staple length as well as grade and bale weight in many local markets. A few years ago staple length was almost an unknown term on most local markets. With the greatly improved situation with Alabama cotton it is important.

DALE HOG SALES

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Association year runs from December to December) the members of the association meet to study business of the year and to elect the usual officers of an association and a weigher and grader.

Some date days the members begin to bring hogs about 6 o'clock in the morning and continue to bring them in until two o'clock. Each producer is charged ten cents for each hog he sells through the association. This is his membership dues. The hogs are graded and at one o'clock are auctioned to the highest bidder. The producer goes to the Secretary, gets an order on the bank and takes his money home with him the same day.

Here is what the sales have meant to Dale County:

In 1936, 4,687 producers sold 19,661 hogs for \$268,004.19

In 1937, 4,600 producers sold 18,940 hogs for \$254,712.95

In 1938, 5,095 producers sold 23,504 hogs for \$255,693.77

In 1939, 3,907 producers have sold 19,000 hogs for \$136,433.62

It will be noted that although more hogs were sold last year than in 1937 farmers received less money. This is due to a lower price for hogs, says W. D. Thomason, county agent.

Some cattle have been sold on the market and County Agent Thomason believes that within two or three years as more farmers begin to utilize peanut hay with beef cattle there will be a dependable market built up for cattle as well as for hogs.

Cooperative sales patterned after Dale County's are now being held in Monroe, Coffee, Pike, Geneva, Talladega, Conecuh, Sumter, Calhoun, Covington, Houston, and other counties. Wilcox County farmers will begin a sale soon and still other counties are making plans to hold sales in the near future.

Better Sirup

Want to have better sirup to go with those hot biscuits on cold winter mornings?

It's possible to make Alabama sorghum and sugarcane sirup much better by new methods being adopted in many counties of the State. M. D. Harman, specialist in sirup and sirup crops of the Alabama Extension Service, says there are possibilities of not only making sirup better for the Alabama folks who grow their own cane or sorghum but that commercial possibilities for sirup made by the new methods are bright.

Mr. Harman has just issued a leaflet which explains the new methods in detail. Copies of this leaflet may be obtained by writing to Mr. Harman at the Alabama Extension Service, Auburn, Alabama.

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Oats Make Good Livestock Feed

A LIMITED cotton acreage and a low price make it imperative for farmers to produce feed and food crops at home. Feed for livestock must be produced economically. The dry summers and uneven distribution of rainfall make the production of corn and other summer feed crops too uncertain for providing ample feed every month of the year.

Oats is one of the best crops for Alabama farmers to grow to help insure the farm. Oats occupy the land during the winter months, thereby protecting the land to a certain extent against winter rains, provide some grazing, in addition to producing grain.

By observing a few precautions, most farmers can produce oats. In the first place, oats should be planted early; that is, from September 1 to October 15.

Most failures with fall sown oats are due to waiting until after October 15 to sow them. Second, oats should be planted in a well-drained soil.

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Cover Crops Pay

H. D. Humphrey, Hartselle, Ala., has found growing of cover crops and pastures protects the land and increases farm profits.

Mr. Humphrey purchased his present farm in 1928. It had been planted in row crops for years and as a result was in a very eroded condition. He realized it would be impossible to make a living unless the soil fertility could be increased.

He fertilized and seeded two acres to alfalfa, 16 acres to vetch, four acres to crimson clover, ten acres to improved pasture and two acres to lespedeza. He also had the Soil Conservation Association to terrace his entire farm with power equipment.

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PINE LEVEL NEWS

We had a nice rain Sunday night. Glad to hear Mr. Lennie Spurlin visiting in our community.

Mr. O. O. Cooper made a business trip to McCallough last Thursday.

Mr. J. B. Clark and family and Mr. Budde "ark" visited relatives here on Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Hugh Johns died at the home of Mr. Therman King Friday night. Interment was in the cemetery at Brantley.

Mrs. Birdie Nelson was called Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of her little niece near Troy.

The funeral services for Mrs. Phillipa Kilecass Monday morning were conducted by Rev. J. A. Mitchell and were largely attended, as was also the funeral for Grandmother Rayburn Monday afternoon.

To the bereaved ones we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dunn of Phenix City visited relatives in this vicinity last week.

A number of ladies were entertained Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Charles Carpenter at a stock show given in honor of Mrs. Charles Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Jones of South Florida visited relatives in this vicinity last week.

Mr. Dan Jones returned to his home near McCallough last Thursday after a few days visit with friends and relatives here.

Miss Margaret Ryan is at home again after a pleasant visit with friends at Elba, Ala. last week.

Mrs. J. B. Clark visited with friends at Opp and mother at Andalusia last week.

MISS MAGGIE DEAN CLARK ENTERTAINS VISITORS—An enjoyable affair among the younger social set was a party given by Miss Maggie Dean Clark last Tuesday evening. The party was held at the home of Miss Angie Hutchison, of Enterprise, and several other out-of-town visitors.

The young girls assembled at the Clark home for a delicious dinner. The guests arrived at 7 o'clock and were joined by their escorts, who accompanied them to the dance.

Late in the evening the guests served delicious refreshments at the ice cream parlor. Invited were Dorothy Murphy, Janice Taylor, and Ann King of Opp, Ellen Chapman and Mary Jane Rainer of Birmingham, Annette Williams, Thelma Jones, Elizabeth Fleming, Thelma Jones, Jean Rhodes, Jeannette Head of Ocala, and others.

JEANNE BRUNSON, MAGGIE DEAN CLARK, BOBBY BRUNSON, JOE MORROW, PRESCOTT, WILLARD TAYLOR, LAMAR RAINER, CARLOS SWAINE and Billy Oggs.

Mrs. Reynolds Smart and son, Thomas, of Brundage were guests of her mother, Mrs. Ada Shelly, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Paul Hawthick of Dawson, Ga., is the guest this week of her mother, Mrs. Ada Shelly.

Misses Betty Dean, Billard, Edna, Isabel Whitman and Olive Ray, of Enterprise, were guests of Mrs. Phil O'Grady.

Mrs. Annie King and Miss Anita King have gone to Jacksonville, Fla., for a visit with relatives.

Old Newspapers in 5c Bundles For Sale at the Elba Theatre.

THE ELBA THEATRE
THURSDAY—LAST DAY
"CALLING DR. KILDARE"
—With—
LEW AYRES and LIONEL BARRYMORE

FRIDAY—DOUBLE FEATURE
"ARTISTS and MODELS ABROAD"
With JACK BENNY and JOAN BENNETT
—And—
"PALS OF THE SADDLE"
With THE THREE MESQUITEERS, Featuring JOHN WAYNE
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SATURDAY—ADMISSION, 10c and 15c
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SUNDAY NIGHT, 10 O'CLOCK ONLY
"GRACIE ALLEN MURDER CASE"
—With—
GRACIE ALLEN, WARREN WILLIAM, KENT TAYLOR
SUNDAY & MONDAY
"CONFESSIONS OF A NAZI SPY"
—With—
EDWARD G. ROBINSON, FRANCIS LEDERER, PAUL LUKAS

TUESDAY—BARGAIN DAY
—ALL SEATS 15c
"SOCIETY LAWYER"
—With—
WALTER PIDGEON, VIRGINIA BRUCE, LEO CARRILLO
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
"THE HARDYS RIDE HIGH"
MICKY ROONEY, LEWIS STONE, CECILIA PARKER

CONGRESS ADJOURNS

(Continued from Page One)

Representative Henry B. Steagall, chairman of the important banking and currency committee, was a key figure in many of the administration's battles, notably those over lending and housing.

He introduced both of these measures and many others of national consequence, including the RRC and Commodity Credit Extension, and the bill for the establishment of the Federal Reserve Bank for British rubber.

Representative Sam Hobbs is the Alabama attorney in Congress on legal and constitutional questions. As a member of the judiciary committee, he has been active on a variety of legislation, frequently taking part in House debates.

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Remember we have moved to old Morrow Mercantile Co. store—two doors from Postoffice. Be sure to come to see us—Wise Cash Grocery and Market.

Miss Sallie Bryant has returned to her home in Enterprise after spending several days with Mrs. Corrie Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dixon were visitors to Montgomery Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Littleton spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kelley and daughter, Geraldine.

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QUARTER OF MILLION YEARLY ON HOG SALES

OZARK, Ala.—Agricultural agents, D. W. Thompson, checked back Monday over a 20-year period of Dale County cooperative hog sales and figured that "hog and quarter" are bringing in approximately a million dollars a year.

Last year 4,000 farmers sold hogs through the cooperative and received \$254,712.95, and already this year 3,907 producers have sold 19,000 hogs for \$136,413.82. Thompson predicted the amount of business and the number of farmers will increase as the hog numbers in this Southeast Alabama county increase.

The bell weevil was responsible for the Dale cooperative sale. In 1918 bell weevils threatened to make the Wiregrass and other sections of Alabama destitute, farmers were forced to turn to something else for an income.

A group of farmers in Dale County decided to develop the hog industry in that county. They formed the Dale County Swine Raisers Association.

The association first worked on breeding and selling purebred hogs and did not start selling fat hogs to packers until later. Since the organization has been formed it has been active every year.

M. A. Creel, Ozark farmer, B. P. Faust, master of Ozark, and a group of other men were responsible for the beginning of the cooperative hog sale movement in Alabama. Thompson said. As an outgrowth of what these men did, there are now or more cooperative sales being held in 10 or 15 other counties in the State, allowing hundreds of farmers to dispose of their hogs but little as well as not only hogs but cattle as well.

In Dale, as in most of the other counties, the "hog" crop, this is followed in the Wiregrass section by peanuts and cotton. Since the cooperative sales at Ozark and Midland City have become so large, farmers are saying that they have made more profit from the hogs than they have from the peanuts or cotton.

An important phase of this movement is the carrying on of the business by the farmers themselves. Mr. W. R. Welch has been spending some time in Brundage, Ala., to restrict immigration. He led an ill-fated drive to amend the Federal Reserve Act to give the Federal Reserve Bank the right to issue currency.

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MEAT SPECIALS

White Meat, Best Grade, per pound . . . 9c

Georgia Bacon, per pound . . . 13c

Armour's Star Bacon, Fresh Sliced, lb. . . 25c

Best Stew Beef, per pound . . . 12c

Best Steak, per pound . . . 25c

Veal Cutlets, per pound . . . 25c

Neck Pork Roast, per pound . . . 17c

Fresh Pork Shoulder or Ham, Whole or Half, per pound . . . 15c

Fresh Side Pork, Sliced, per pound . . . 15c

Fresh Pan Sausage, per pound . . . 15c

Full Cream Cheese, per pound . . . 20c

Fresh Bologna, per pound . . . 15c

Fresh Ground Meat Loaf, pound . . . 20c

Roast Beef, Best Cut, per pound . . . 25c

Oleomargarine, 2 pounds . . . 20c

Cloverbloom Creamery Butter, pound . . . 29c

Brookfield Sausage, per pound . . . 25c

Boiled or Barbecued Ham, pound . . . 45c

Armour's Star Canvas Ham, pound . . . 35c

Chickens, Dressed or Live Weight—Hens, lb. . . 12c; Fryers, lb. . . 15c

COMPLETE LINE OF FEEDS

24 per cent Dairy Feed, per sack . . . \$2.00

Shorts, 100-pound bag . . . 2.00

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Remember we have moved to old Morrow Mercantile Co. store—two doors from Postoffice. Be sure to come to see us—Wise Cash Grocery and Market.

Miss Sallie Bryant has returned to her home in Enterprise after spending several days with Mrs. Corrie Bryant.

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